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friends will sympathize with me, in having (in however humble a degree) taken a part in bringing about the fulfilment of the wish I have often heard him utter, that his Museum might be here; and in the assurance that here his name will live as a benefactor to his country, and an example to our gentry, by whom the study and preservation of our antiquities have been (I must say) disgracefully neglected.

“ But on public grounds, most of all, I would congratulate the Academy on having now laid the foundation of a National Museum, which will doubtless be the means of preserving many articles of value and interest from destruction—of bringing together the many curious relics of the past, which are now in the hands of private families or individuals, and perhaps also of awakening the attention of the Government of the country, to the importance (too long forgotten or overlooked) of forming, upon a liberal and extensive basis, a really National Museum of the Antiquities of Ireland.”

RESOLVED,—That this Report be entered on the Minutes, and published in the Proceedings.

RESOLVED,—That the special thanks of the Academy be given to those subscribers to the Dawson Fund who are not members of the Academy.*

RESOLVED,—On the recommendation of Council,—That the plan of the new Board Room proposed by Mr. Murray and Mr. Owen, be approved of by the Academy.

December 12.

SIR W^M. R. HAMILTON, LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Rev. Dr. Todd, V. P. on the part of the Knight of Glin, presented to the Academy a gold coin, with an Arabic inscription, found in the wall of a house in the townland of Killeny, near Glin.

* See List of Subscribers in Appendix No. I.